

Selected Distributions of LSTA Funds for Federal Year 2006

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The Federal Year 2006 LSTA allotment for the State of Indiana was \$3,369,822. Library Services and Technology Act funds are awarded to the Indiana State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to be used for State Library programs and/or distributed according to the Indiana State Library Five Year Plan 2003-2007 {<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/wwwisl/ldo/lsta/lstaplan2007.html>}. Approximately \$2,110,441.80 was distributed for projects of multi-type, academic, school, and public libraries. \$1,259,380.20 was reserved for Indiana State Library projects.

Indiana State Library-Technology Grants build on and continue the technology projects conducted with state and federal funds from 1997 to the present. This project provides an information safety net and alternative point of access for all Indiana citizens. Of the allotted \$161,384, \$124,922.27 was awarded to 38 libraries (2 academic, 7 school, 29 public). Each library could request up to a total of \$4,500 for combinations of Wireless Technology, Smart Boards, Tablet PCs and Mobile Headsets. \$133,608.27 was requested.

\$403,128.59 was requested for Digitization projects by 9 academic and 9 public libraries. \$184,740.16 was awarded to 9 libraries (7 academic, 2 public). In the near future, the Indiana State Library will sponsor a digitization mentoring program and workshop(s) for libraries wanting to digitize valuable, unique resources and lack the expertise and equipment to properly carry out the digitization. Funded digitization projects for 2006 include:

\$18,072.16	Indiana State University Library	Indiana Coal Miners
\$25,125.00	Ball State University Library	Minority Oral History interviews
\$28,742.00	IUPUI	Flanner House
\$25,968.00	IPFW-Helmke Library	“Glorious Gate” nine mile portage
\$38,298.00	Purdue University Library	George Winter art-Forced removal of Native Americans from the Wabash Valley
\$ 6,032.00	Taylor University	Progressive-era reformers
\$38,930.00	IU Libraries-Wells	Indiana Magazine of History since 1905
\$ 8,840.00	New Harmony Working Men’s Institute	Branigan Archive manuscripts and documents
\$ 8,734.00	Hancock County Public Library	James Whitcomb Riley-early editions

Through the Indiana State Library-Special Services and Literacy grants, resources of Indiana libraries are made available to persons with literacy or learning needs. This project includes grant opportunities for literacy program upgrades in over forty residential situations operated by the Indiana Departments of Correction, Mental Health, and Education. Semi-annual workshops are part of this program. 29 State Institutions including correctional facilities, hospitals and schools were awarded 32 Literacy grants of up to \$1,500. \$49,670 was requested and \$42,465 awarded. This grant also provided 2006 World Book Encyclopedias to 31 applying institutions

at a cost of \$25,079 and \$6,000 for the Read-to-Me Program. The Read-to Me Program provides books for offenders to read on tape and send to their children.

Diversity grants were awarded to 12 public libraries. These provide service to those in the community whose experiences differ from the dominant cultural and/or social-economic climate. The funds will be used for the development and provision of services such as adding more diverse resources to the collection, diversity training for the library administrators and staff, providing specific programming for and about a growing diverse workforce and public, and providing computer and other literacy services for the special population of formerly incarcerated people. \$61,217.46 was requested and \$61,192.46 awarded.

Indiana State Library-Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, awarded \$195,500, provides Indiana residents who are unable to read regular print due to a visual or physical disability with the same types of books and magazines that are available in regular print through Indiana public libraries. Circulations include Braille, recorded and large print books and magazines, special equipment needed to play recorded materials, and publicizing of services. Reader advisory and reference services are also provided. The project also includes locating and identifying eligible users of the service through public education activities. Four positions are supported. Four subregional libraries' services to the blind are also partially supported through this project. The subregional libraries with grant amounts awarded are: Bartholomew County Public Library, \$65,922; Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library, \$65,693; Elkhart Public Library, \$73,385; and Lake County Public Library, \$75,061.

Indiana State Library-Resource Centers were awarded \$55,000. This project, involving the Indiana State Library and five academic libraries, provides Indiana public libraries with access to state level resources that are not available locally. Universities are encouraged to make on-line catalogs Z39.50 compatible and making them accessible through the Web and INSPIRE. The cooperating academic libraries are Ball State University; Indiana State University; Indiana University; University of Notre Dame; and IUPUI.

Other libraries and institutions awarded 2006 LSTA funds are INCOLSA-five grants totaling \$1,468,156.80; ILF-two grants totaling \$299,200, and the Indiana Business Research Center, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University-one grant for \$164,997. Details of these grants will be covered in a later article.

LSTA monies are federal funds from the Institute of Museum & Library Services, which are disseminated by the state libraries for library projects within the states. Indiana's LSTA funds help support projects of the Indiana State Library and projects of other libraries in the State. The Indiana State Library awards reimbursement grants to other Indiana libraries according to the goals and objectives set out in the state library's technology plan.

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